

## CEREMONY OF ADMISSION

*Before the Opening, one of the Lodge members unknown to the candidate is designated to act as Stranger to guide the candidate. After the Opening, the Stranger leaves the Temple and dresses entirely in black. This may consist of donning a black robe over the white robe or changing into other black clothes. The Stranger also carries or wears a red rose as a mark of identification.*

*The Stranger goes to the candidate, who is waiting outside the building and bearing a red rose. Asking the candidate to follow silently, the Stranger takes the candidate to the antechamber, asks for the candidate's rose, and instructs him/her to wait in there. The Stranger leaves the candidate, closes the door, then reverts in Temple attire. Carrying the rose, the Stranger enters the Temple, goes to the altar, places the rose next to the altar rose, returns to their own station or place, and sits.*

EA: \* Fratres et Sorores of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the (name of organization) \_\_\_\_\_, your Chiefs have considered the application of \_\_\_\_\_ for admission to this Order, and have passed favorably thereon.

(Fratr/Soror) P-r, assure yourself that the candidate begins this undertaking with the proper understanding of its nature.

(Fratr/Soror) A-t, instruct the candidate to hold (him/her)self in readiness for the ceremony of (his/her) admission and superintend (his/her) preparation.

A-t/P-r: *Rise together, bearing their insignia, face EA, salute. They go to Candidate, the P-r preceding the A-t, following the solar course from their stations to the southwest portal.*

C-n: *Removes A-t's chair and pedestal from between the Pillars to a place immediately east of C-n's station.*

[H-r: *Move your chair and scepter stand away from the portal to allow as much room as possible for the floor officers to maneuver around the blindfolded candidate.*]

H-r: *Ensures that a hassock is ready at the West of the altar for the candidate to kneel on.*

P-r: *(In antechamber) (Candidate's name), \_\_\_\_\_ I am instructed to ask you if you enter upon this undertaking of your own accord, prompted only by a desire for enlightenment and the hope of*

becoming of greater service to humanity; mindful of the seriousness of your decision; and intending to conform cheerfully to the usages of our Fraternity. Do you so approach our portal?

CAN: I do.

P-r: *Returns to station, entering Temple by northwest portal if there be one, faces EA, salutes with Sign of Respect, and says:*

Very Honored EA.

EA: (Frater/Soror) P-r.

P-r: The Candidate has signified (his/her) understanding of the undertaking (he/she) is now about to enter, and (his/her) intention to conform cheerfully to the usages and rules of our Order. *(Sits)*

A-t: *After P-r returns to Temple, A-t superintends the preparation of the candidate. First, the candidate is hoodwinked, then clad in a white robe, with a black robe as an outer garment. Next, a rope is wound three times around the waist and tied. Thus prepared, the candidate is led by A-t to the door of Temple, the northwest portal if there be one. A-t, who may have assistants if there be more than one candidate, takes the candidate's right hand in own left hand for leading. As they approach the portal, A-t says:*

A-t: Child of Earth, arise and enter the Path of Darkness.

*(Knocks \* \* \* on the outer side of the door with the butt of the scepter.)*

H-r: Very Honored EA, there is an alarm at the portal.

EA: Ascertain what it is and report to me.

H-r: *Takes lamp, which is retained during the entire initiation, opens the door and says:*

Who comes here?

A-t: A Child of Earth, risen from the grave of error, seeking Light at the end of the Path of Darkness.

H-r: Does (he/she) come of (his/her) own accord?

A-t: (He/she) does.

H-r: Has (he/she) been duly reminded of the seriousness of (his/her) undertaking?

A-t: (He/she) has.

H-r: Then let (him/her) wait until I have informed the EA and the Lodge.  
*(Closes door and faces EA)* Very Honored EA, Fratres et Sorores, there awaits a Child of Earth at the portal, rising from the grave of error and seeking Light at the end of the Path of Darkness.

EA: Does (he/she) come of (his/her) own accord?

H-r: (He/she) does.

EA: Has (he/she) been duly reminded of the seriousness of (his/her) undertaking?

H-r: (He/she) has.

EA: Then let (him/her) enter the Path of Darkness in the Name of the Ineffable ONE. Let the C-n and P-r join in (his/her) reception.

## CROSSING THE PORTAL

*C-n/Pur: C-n stands with the censer. P-r, with cup, crosses directly to the station of C-n, then both move together with the current to the portal.*

*As they stand facing West, C-n is on P-r's left.*

*H-r: (Opens door.) It is the command of the EA that the candidate shall now enter the Path of Darkness in the Name of the Ineffable ONE.*

*A-t: Leads candidate across the threshold and closes the door. If more than one candidate, they are placed side by side, close together, facing East.*

*C-n: Holds H-r's lamp until the conclusion of the following speech.*

*H-r: Stands in front of candidate and bars the way with staff, one hand on the white section, the other on the black, held horizontally. Presses staff firmly against the candidate's chest so they can feel the obstacle.*

*H-r: Child of Earth, unpurified and unconsecrated, thou mayest not enter here.*

*Removes staff from a horizontal position, steps back, and reclaims lamp from C-n.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> PURIFICATION AND CONSECRATION

P-r: *Advances to Candidate, dips right forefinger in cup, and signs Can. as in Mystic Repast, saying:*

Child of Earth, I purify thee by water.  
(Returns to former position.)

C-n: *Advances to Candidate, censes them with fire triangle as in consecrating the Temple, saying:*

Child of Earth, I consecrate thee with fire.  
(Returns to former position.)

EA: Conduct the candidate to the foot of the altar.

*A-t leads the candidate to the west side of the altar, facing East.*

*H-r follows and stands behind the candidate.*

*C-n stands right of H-r.*

*P-r stands left of H-r so that the C-n is now on the right side of the P-r.*

EA: Child of Earth, whence came you, and why do you request admission into this Order?

CAN: *(Prompted by A-t)* From the darkness of the outer/ seeking the Light of occult knowledge in this Order/ where I believe this Light may be found.

EA: Why do you seek this knowledge?

CAN: *(Prompted)* I seek to know in order to serve.

EA: To whom do you offer your service?

CAN: *(Prompted)* To the One Source,/ that I may serve all Life./ To all Humanity,/ that the Empire of Light/ and the Reign of Harmony/ may be manifest here on Earth./ To my own Higher Self,/ that my service shall be guided by Truth.

EA: \_\_\_\_\_, you have signed a preliminary pledge to keep secret all relating to this Order. To confirm that pledge, you must now take a further obligation to keep intact the secrets and mysteries of this

Order. After receiving my assurance that this obligation will bind you to nothing incompatible with your civil, moral, or religious duties, are you willing to take it?

CAN: (*Not prompted*) I am.

EA: *Leaves book and scepter at the throne. Advances through the center of the Temple to the east side of the altar.*

A-n: *Goes to the north side of the altar, drawn sword in right hand, and faces South.*

A-t: *With scepter, goes to the south side of the altar and faces North. The three Chief Officers form a Triangle.*

H-r: *Moves to the northeast corner of the altar, places lantern on the floor, and holds a staff in the left hand, leaving the right hand free to hold obligation while EA reads it.*

EA: Then, you will be assisted to kneel on both your knees.

C-n/P-r: *Assists candidate to kneel. When Can. is on knees, EA continues:*

EA: Fellow Initiates, stand ye to witness this pledge.

All: *Rise and remain standing during obligation.*

EA: Give me your right hand, which I place on this symbol, sacred and sublime.

*Places candidate's right hand, palm down, touching triangle. Next, places own left hand, palm upward on the back of the candidate's right hand.*

EA: Place your left hand in mine.

*Guides candidate's left hand with own right hand. If there be two candidates, the right hand of the second is placed palm down on the right hand of first, the left hand of first is taken by EA in the latter's left hand, and left hand of second is placed, palm down, on the left hand of first.*

## OBLIGATION

EA: Bow your head and say after me:

EA: I, (repeat your full name),/ in the presence of the Lord of the Universe/ and of this Lodge/ of Initiates of the (*name of organization*)\_\_\_\_\_,/ do, of my own accord,/ hereby and hereon,/ solemnly pledge myself/ to keep secret/ the esoteric name of this Order,/ the proceedings at its assemblies,/ its rites,/ signs,/ words and tokens,/ and every detail/ of its secret instruction,/ from every person in the world,/ except one duly initiated,/ whom I have tested and tried,/ so that I know him or her/ to be a true Initiate.

Furthermore, I will keep secret/ all information/ relative to the practical application of the secret instruction,/ and I also pledge myself/ to divulge nothing/ concerning the mysteries of the Order/ to the outside world,/ in the event of my resignation,/ demission,/ or expulsion therefrom.

I will devote my best efforts/ to promote fraternal harmony/ within this Order,/ and the welfare of mankind/ outside the Order also.

I will faithfully observe/ the regulations of the Order/ and of this Lodge/ as to the possession or circulation of aught/ relating to either or both;/ whether printed or written,/ delineated,/ carved or modeled;/ whether badge or ornament,/ symbol, picture or adjunct;/ and will return the same to the Order/ on due demand;/ whether lent to me,/ or purchased,/ or copied by me./ And in the event/ of my death or incapacity/ instructions will be left/ with my representatives/ to return the same unexamined.

I promise to undertake/ the serious study of occult knowledge,/ and to persevere/ through ceremonies and tests./ And whatever occult knowledge or power I may now have/ or may hereafter gain/ I will employ/ for naught but good.

All these points/ I, generally and severally/ upon this symbol sacred and sublime/ promise to observe,/ without evasion,/ equivocation,/ or mental reservation,/ under no less a penalty,/ should I knowingly and willfully/ violate any of them,/ than that of being expelled from this Order/ as a perjured liar/ unfit for the society/ of all upright and true persons;/ and, in addition,/ under the awful and just penalty/

*A-n goes to a place behind candidate*

of having placed myself,/ by my unworthiness,/ in opposition to the current of that strong force/ of all forces,/ which is the power of life and growth/ to all who obey its law,/ and, to those who disobey it/ the instrument of death and destruction,/ smiting them/ as by lightning of heaven.

*A-n: Presses flat of sword-blade, guiding it carefully, against the nape of candidate's neck, and immediately withdraws it. Returns to a position north of the altar, facing south.*

*EA/CAN: So help me the Lord of the Universe/ and my own Higher Soul.*

*All: So may it be.*

*All: Sit except officers and assistants in the group at the altar.*

*EA: (Disengaging hands) Rise, newly obligated Neophyte of the (name of organization)\_\_\_\_\_.*

*A-t: Done. A-t assists the Neophyte in rising and turns him/her, so he/she faces North.*

*EA: Place the Neophyte in the northern quarter of the Temple, the place of greatest symbolic darkness.*

*EA/A-n: Return to their thrones and are seated.*

*H-r: With lamp and staff, advances to North, next to the station of the P-r.*

*A-t: Escorts candidate to a position immediately behind H-r.*

*P-r/C-n: Follow candidate, side by side, in the Procession, P-r behind the left side of Candidate & C-n behind and to the right.*



## PASSING OF THE GATES

EA: The Voice of my Higher Soul said unto me:  
“Let me enter the Path of Darkness. I am the only being in an  
abyss of Darkness. From the Darkness came I forth ere my birth;  
from the silence of a primal sleep.”

And the Voice of Ages answered unto my soul:  
“I am the ONE who formulates in Darkness.”

Child of Earth, the Light shineth in the Darkness, but the Darkness  
comprehends it not.

Let the mystic circumambulation take place in the Path of Darkness,  
with the symbolic lamp of occult wisdom to guide the way.

## 1<sup>st</sup> CIRCUMAMBULATION

H-r: *The Procession moves, H-r leading, with lamp in the left hand, and staff in the right. A-t guides the candidate, and the P-r and C-n follow, 3 times round altogether, with the course of the Sun, reckoning from West of the altar.*

EA: \* *(as they pass)*

All: *(Cantor sounds tone E. All intone the following, beginning after EA's knock:)*

**My word shall go before thee/ As a pillar of fire by night/ And as a pillar of cloud/ Shalt thou follow it by day.**

A-n: \* *(as they pass)*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CIRCUMAMBULATION

EA: \* *(as they pass)*

H-r: *When next reaching a point southeast of A-n's throne, turns, holding staff by the center, horizontally, with the right hand only. Presses staff against Neophyte's chest, as at reception.*

H-r: Child of Earth, unpurified and unconsecrated, thou canst not enter the Path of the West.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> PURIFICATION AND CONSECRATION

P-r: *(Signs Neophyte with water, as before.)*  
Child of Earth, I purify thee by water.

C-n: *(Censes Neophyte as before.)*  
Child of Earth, I consecrate thee with fire.

A-t: Child of Earth, twice purified and twice consecrated, thou mayest approach the gate of the West.

A-t: *Procession moves to the West.*

A-t: *In the West, turns Neophyte to face A-n.*

A-n: *Rises and faces Neophyte, menacing him/her with the sword.*

A-t: *Raises hoodwink and then lowers it quickly so that Neophyte may briefly see A-n.*

A-n: Thou canst not pass by me, saith the Guardian of the West, unless thou canst tell me my name.

A-t: *(for Neophyte)* Darkness is thy name, the Great One of the Paths of Shades.

A-n: *(Slowly sinking point of the sword)* Fear is failure, Child of Earth, therefore be without fear, for in the heart of the coward virtue abides not. Thou hast known me, so pass thou on. *(Sits)*

*(Procession continues.)*

A-n: \* *(as they pass)*

All: *Cantor sounds tone G-sharp. All intone on that note the following:*

**I am the Water of Life,/ the mute, dark mirror of substance,/ Reflecting Myself to Myself.**

H-r: *Upon reaching the northeast, turns and bars the way as before, saying:*

Child of Earth, unpurified and unconsecrated, thou canst not enter the Path of the East.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> PURIFICATION AND CONSECRATION

P-r: *(Signs Neophyte as before.)* Child of Earth, I purify thee by water.

C-n: *(Censes Neophyte as before.)* Child of Earth, I consecrate thee with fire.

A-t: Child of Earth, thrice purified, thrice consecrated, thou mayest approach the Gate of the East.

A-t: *Procession moves to the East. A-t turns Neophyte to face EA*

EA: *Rises and faces Neophyte, menacing with the scepter.*

A-t: *Raises hoodwink and then lowers it quickly so that Neophyte may briefly see EA.*

EA: Thou canst not pass by me, saith the Guardian of the East, unless thou canst tell me my name.

A-t: *(for Neophyte)* Light dawning in darkness is thy name, the Light of the Golden Day.

EA: Child of Earth, remember that unbalanced force is evil. Unbalanced Mercy is but weakness; unbalanced Severity, but oppression. Thou has known me, so pass thou on, unto the Altar of the Universe.  
*(Sits.)*

*(Procession moves on.)*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> CIRCUMAMBULATION

EA: \* *(as they pass)*

All: *Cantor sounds the tone C. All intone on that note the following:*

**I am the circle of eternal flame, Self-fed./ From this Fire all things proceed,/ In it all things have their being,/ And to it all return.**

*The procession arrives at the altar just as the word “return” is intoned.*

H-r/A-t: *Procession moves to the west side of the altar. Neophyte is turned to face East.*

A-n: *With Sword, goes to North of the altar, and faces South.*

P-r/C-n: *Stand behind Candidate, left and right, respectively.*

EA: *Leaves Throne, carrying the scepter, and stands between the Pillars, facing candidate, then slowly advances toward the altar, saying:*

EA: I come in the Power of the Light./  
I come in the Light of Wisdom./  
I come in the Mercy of the Light./  
The Light hath Healing in its Wings.

## INVOCATION

EA: *(At Altar)* Let the Neophyte be assisted to kneel.

A-t: *Assists Neophyte, then goes to South of the altar and faces North.*

H-r: *At the same time, H-r goes by North to the northeast corner of the altar, carrying lamp and staff, and faces southwest.*

EA/A-n/A-t: *Bring scepters and sword together over the altar so that the hexagram rests on the sword point, and the pentagram covers both.*

EA: Fellow Initiates, stand with me to invoke the Lord of the Universe.

All: *Rise.*

EA: Lord of the Universe, the Vast One, the Mighty One, Ruler of the Light and of the Darkness. Thee we adore! Thee we invoke! Look with favor upon this Neophyte who kneels before Thee, and grant Thine aid unto the higher aspirations of (his/her) soul, so that (he/she) may prove a true and faithful (Fratr/Soror) among us. To the glory of Thine Ineffable Name.

All: **Amen.**

EA/A-n/A-t: *Chief officers break the formation of their insignia over the altar.*

P-r/C-n: *Advance to Neophyte and unfasten hoodwink, holding it ready for instant removal.*

EA: Let the Neophyte be assisted to rise.

C-n/P-r: *C-n and P-r assist, keeping the hoodwink in place as they do so.*

EA: Child of Earth, long hast thou dwelt in darkness. Quit the Night and seek the Day!

All: *At the word "day," hoodwink is suddenly removed, and all clap hands together sharply, once, taking timing from A-t.*

EA/A-n/A-t: *Standing at Altar as for Invocation, join points of insignia as before so that the point of union is over Neophyte's head.*

EA: (Fratr/Soror) (name) .

All: We receive thee into the company of Initiates of the (*name of organization*)\_\_\_\_\_.

EA/A-n/A-t: *Take down their scepters and sword.*

P-r/C-n: *Return to their stations, with the Sun, and sit.*

All: *All sit except for EA, A-n, A-t, and H-r.*

### SECRET NAME

EA: Attend to the manifestation of our secret name.

EA: \_

A-n: \_

A-t: \_

All: *Cantor sounds tone E., and all intone:*

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### ANTIPHONY

EA: Alpha	A-n: O
First	L
Beginning	E

A-t: And the path of the W\_ \_ \_ between.

EA: Dawn	A-n: T
Idea	F
Radiance	E

A-t: And the path of the L\_ \_ \_ \_ between.

EA: Youth	A-n: A
Increase	D
Forethought	A

A-t: And the path of H\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ between.

## THE MYSTIC WORDS

EA: Khabs. \*

A-n: Am. \*

A-t: Pekht. \*

  

A-n: Konx. \*

A-t: Om. \*

EA: Pax. \*

  

A-t: Light. \*

EA: In. \*

A-n: Extension. \*

## H-r's LAMP

EA: Let the H-r advance.

H-r: *Comes close to the northeast corner of the altar and holds lamp at breast height.*

EA: In all thy wanderings through darkness, the lamp of the H-r went before thee, though you saw it not. It is the symbol of the light of occult wisdom, which the profane see not, neither do they know. *(Pause.)* Let the Neophyte be conducted to the East of the altar.

EA: *Returns to the throne, where he/she stands, facing West.*

A-t: *Conducts Neophyte by way of the North to the east side of the altar and tells Neophyte to remain there.*

H-r: *At the same time, moves north of black pillar to a position between the Pillars, facing West.*



A-n: *At the same time, goes, with the Sun, to position immediately west of black pillar and stands there, facing West.*

A-t: *Goes between Neophyte and Altar, with the Sun, to the station of P-r, then crosses to the South, but East of Pillars, and takes position immediately west of the white pillar, facing West.*

*Thus, the three chief officers form a triangle; the three subordinate officers form a line from North to South; and the Neophyte stands facing the H-r, who is between the Pillars, and the EA, who is at his/her throne.*

### SIGNS, GRIP, AND PASSWORD

EA: *(After a brief pause)* Honored A-n, I delegate to you the office of entrusting the Neophyte with the secret signs, grip, word and present password of this Grade of the *(name of organization)*\_\_\_\_\_, and of superintending (his/her) fourth and final purification and consecration. *(Sits.)*

A-n: *Gives sword to P-r advances to a position between Neophyte and H-r, facing Neophyte, who copies each sign, etc.*

A-n: (Frater/Soror)\_\_\_\_\_, I now proceed to instruct you in the step, secret signs, grip or token, and password of this Grade:

Advance your left foot about six inches. (Done.)

This is the Step of the Grade.

*(Puts foot back.)*

The signs are two: the Sign of Projected Light and the Sign of Silence. The first should always be answered by the second.

The Sign of Projected Light is given by advancing your left foot about six inches as in the step, and extending both arms... [omitted]

It alludes to the root idea of all our work, the projection of the Light of Universal Life through the handiwork of humanity.

The Sign of Silence is given by placing the left forefinger on the closed lips. *(Done)* It alludes to the strict silence inculcated upon you by your obligation regarding all proceedings of the Order.

The grip or token is given in the following manner. Advance your left foot about six inches, touching mine side to side and toe to heel.

Extend your right hand, and grasp mine, locking the fingertips...  
[omitted]

Observe that the person giving the grip, as I do now, is always the first to... [omitted]

This is the distinguishing grip of the Neophyte Grade. It refers to the ten emanations of the Life-Power, to the alternate rise and fall of the Fire-force, and to the interchange of power and sympathy between Fellow Initiates. (*Continues to hold grip.*)

The word is \_\_\_\_\_. It is whispered mouth to ear. It signifies, the object of our quest and the pattern of our actions.

The present password is \_\_\_\_\_. This is changed at each Equinox.

#### BETWEEN THE PILLARS

H-r: *Moves straight back from the position between the Pillars to a position midway between EA and the Pillars, facing Neophyte.*

A-n: I now place you between the Gates of the North and South, in the symbolic portal of occult science.

A-n: *Still holding Neophyte's hand in the completed grip, A-n backs toward the East, drawing the Neophyte forward to a position midway between the Pillars. Hands are then unclasped. A-n tells Neophyte to remain there, and if A-n is 2<sup>nd</sup> Order, goes round white pillar with the Sun, and crosses the Temple, behind the Neophyte, to the former position, West of black pillar, facing West. If A-n is in 1<sup>st</sup> Order, then brings Neophyte to the position between the pillars but does not pass through them, and instead goes directly across to the Black Pillar. Takes the sword from P-r.*

## FINAL PURIFICATION

A-n: Let the fourth and final purification and consecration of the Neophyte take place.

H-r: *Raises lamp and staff upward at his/her side at the words of purification and again at the words of consecration, lowering them each time as soon as the formula is completed.*

P-r: *Goes diagonally to Neophyte and faces Neophyte. Signs Neophyte with water, as before, saying:*

(Frater/Soror) \_\_\_\_\_, I purify thee finally by water.

H-r: *As before, raises staff perpendicularly, white end uppermost, held by the center in the right hand. At the same time, raises the lamp with the left hand. Lowers them at the end of P-r's words.*

P-r: *Faces East, and sprinkles as in Opening, but in silence. Proceeds in the course of the Sun to the station of C-n, faces South and sprinkles in silence. Moves to a point halfway between Neophyte and Altar faces West, and sprinkles in silence. Completes the action by moving to a point facing P-r's station and sprinkles there in silence. Sits.*

## FINAL CONSECRATION

C-n: *Crosses Temple to North and goes with the Sun to a position east of and facing Neophyte. Censes Neophyte as before, saying:*

(Frater/Soror) \_\_\_\_\_, I consecrate thee finally with fire.

H-r: *(Raises and lowers staff and lamp.)*

C-n: *Goes between Neophyte and white pillar, to a position midway between Neophyte and Altar, faces West and censes silently toward the West. Goes with the Sun to P-r's station, faces North, and censes silently. Continue with Sun to East, faces East, and censes toward East. Completes the action by going with the Sun to own station, facing South and censing there. Sits.*

## INVESTITURE

EA: (Frater/Soror) A-t, the fourth and final purification and consecration of the Neophyte having been accomplished, I command you to remove the rope from (his/her) waist, and the black robe it fastens, last remaining symbols of the Path of Darkness; to receive from (him/her) the step, signs, grip, word, present password of this grade; and to invest (him/her) with the apron of an Initiate.

A-t: *Hands scepter to C-n and passes directly north to the Station of the P-r, around the black pillar, then to a position directly before the Neophyte. Removes rope and black robe and hands them to C-n.*

*In the questions that follow, A-t takes care to correct any errors made by the Neophyte.*

A-t: Give me the step of Neophyte. *(Done.)*  
Give me the Sign of Projected Light. *(Done.)*  
Give me the Sign of Silence. *(Done.)*  
Answer this sign.

*Gives Sign of Projected Light. Neophyte answers with Sign of Silence or, if necessary, A-t prompts:*

A-t: The Sign of Projected Light is always answered by the Sign of Silence.

Give me the Grip or Token.

*Done. A-t retains the grip for the next two questions.*

Give me the Word of this Grade. *(Done.)*  
Give me the present password. *(Done.)*

A-t: *(Receives apron from C-n)*

By command of the EA, I now invest you with the apron of an Initiate. It is a key to many mysteries of our Order, which will open to you as you advance through the Grades. By its measurements, it commemorates the ideas of Unity, Love, and Understanding. Its blue color represents the evening sky...  
[description omitted]

Wear this apron, beloved (Frater/Soror), in remembrance of its meaning, and let its symbolic lessons guide you henceforth.

A-t: *Assists Neophyte to put on the apron, then returns to a position west of the white pillar.*

H-r: *Passes south of white pillar and conducts Neophyte to the west side of the altar, facing East.*

## EA'S LECTURE

EA: *Stands and steps to position just in front of the throne, without the scepter.*

You now behold the EA of this Temple, approaching on the step of Neophyte (*takes the step*), in the Sign of Projected Light (*gives it*), and admonishing you to secrecy by the Sign of Silence (*gives it*).

EA: *Continues down the middle of the Temple, to a point just east of the altar.*

C-n: *Once EA has passed, replaces A-t's chair and pedestal in their usual place between the Pillars.*

A-t: *Immediately assumes station but remains standing.*

A-n: *During the following speech of the EA, A-n goes round the Temple, with the Sun, to the station in the West.*

A-n/A-t: (*Together, sit.*)

EA: (Fratr/Soror) \_\_\_\_\_, I congratulate you on having passed with fortitude through the ceremony of your admission into \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_, as a Neophyte of (*name of organization*)\_\_\_\_\_.

The secret name of this Order is concealed from the First Order, as from the profane, by the initials \_ . \_ . \_ . The name itself is known to members of the Second Order only, but even its initials must be hidden by you from the outside world.

I now direct your attention to a brief explanation of the principal symbols of this Grade.

The hoodwink placed over your eyes at your preparation represented the darkness of ignorance. It blinded you to your true spiritual nature, symbolized by the white robe with which you were then invested. Over the white robe, you wore a black gown, symbolizing

the accumulated prejudices and errors of the profane, and fastened by the rope wound three times around your waist, showing the bonds of misunderstanding which circumscribe the higher aspirations of the soul.

The altar before which you now stand is emblematical of the existing universe. It is represented black to show the darkness and obscurity of Nature in her workings. Of its five visible sides, those facing the cardinal points are draped in the colors of the four elements, and bear the symbols of the four fixed signs of the Zodiac.

The white triangle on the altar symbolizes the Divine Light, the Creative Spirit, which forms the Universe in darkness. It, therefore, represents light, dawning in darkness.

The red cross, which in this Grade surmounts the triangle, is formed by opening out the six sides of a cube. It symbolizes Life and Action but has more profound meanings, which will be explained to you as you advance to higher Grades of our fraternity.

The rose above the cross, to the East, typifies the human soul and its manifold desires, and it is also a symbol of the element of air.

The bread and salt are types of earth, whence comes our sustenance. The red lamp is an emblem of the universal fire, veiled in forms of earth. The cup of the P-r is a symbol of the elemental water of purification.

The mystic words, *Khabs Am Pekht*, which you heard shortly after you were brought to light, are the Egyptian originals of the Greek *Konx Om Pax*, which were used in the Eleusinian Mysteries. Their literal translation is: "Light in Extension," and their import is: "May Light be extended upon you."

Let the Neophyte be conducted to the East of the altar.

H-r: *Conducts Neophyte, with Sun, to East of the altar, facing East.*

EA: The station of the P-r in the North represents the powers of cold and moisture.

That of the C-n in the South marks the powers of heat and dryness.

The two pillars are those of Hermes and Solomon. They symbolize eternal equilibrium, Severity and Mercy, active and passive, fixed and volatile, and the phenomena of the dual polarity of the magnet.

Through the knowledge of their equilibrium lies the pathway to Occult Science.

Therefore, I came between them to aid in your Restoration unto the Light; therefore, you were placed between them on receiving the Secret Signs of this Grade and for your final purification and consecration.

Two contending forces, and one which unites them eternally. Two basal angles of the triangle and one which forms the apex. Such is the origin of creation, O Neophyte; such is the triad of life.

Let the Neophyte be conducted to the North.

EA: *Returns to the throne and sits.*

H-r: *Conducts Neophyte to North, facing South, and indicates with staff the stations, as they are named.*

EA: My throne in the East symbolizes the rising of Life and Light. The throne of the A-n, facing me in the West, is an emblem of increase of darkness and decrease of light. The A-t in the center is the synthesis of our equilibrium and the reconciler between light and darkness.

The staff and lamp of the H-r are the Magic Wand and the Light of Occult Science, to guide us through the darkness.

I have the pleasure in now instructing the H-r to announce that you have been duly admitted to the company of Initiates of (*name of organization*)\_\_\_\_\_.

(Fraternal/Soror) H-r, I command you to declare that the Neophyte has been duly admitted to participation in the secrets and mysteries of this Grade.

## PROCLAMATION

H-r: *Leaves Neophyte, telling him/her to remain where he/she is, and goes to the right front of EA's throne, salutes the EA, turns with the Sun to face West, raise staff perpendicularly as in the Opening, and says:*

H-r: In the Name of the Lord of the Universe and by command of the EA, hear ye all! I proclaim that  
\_\_\_\_\_ has been admitted in due form  
to the company of Initiates of  
(name of organization)\_\_\_\_\_.

All: *Strike hands sharply together one, in unison, taking time from A-t.*

EA: Conduct the Neophyte to the West.

H-r: *Returns to North, passing round Temple with the Sun, to the station of the C-n, and crossing there, between A-t and Altar. Conducts Neophyte with the Sun around the Temple to position west of the altar, facing A-n.*



## A-n's ADDRESS

EA: Honored A-n, I delegate to you the duty of pronouncing a short address to our (Frater/Soror) on (his/her) admission.

A-n: *(Rises.)* (Frater/Soror) \_\_\_\_\_, you have now passed through the ceremonies of your admission, and I congratulate you on being admitted to this honorable Order, whose proposed object is the practical study of Occult Science.

Therefore, let me advise you to remember this day as a marked one in your existence and adopt and cultivate a mental attitude worthy of this Order.

To this end, let me first earnestly recommend you never to forget due honor and reverence to the Lord of the Universe, for, as the whole is greater than its parts, so is that Vast One far greater than we, whose existence is derived from that Fountain of Insupportable Light, which none may name or define.

It is written that the borders of His garment of flame sweep the ends of the Universe, that from Him proceed all things, and that to Him all return. Therefore, do we adore Him; therefore do we invoke Him; therefore, in adoration in Him is all our work begun.

Secondly, never ridicule nor cast obloquy upon the form of religion professed by others; for what right have you to desecrate that which is sacred in their eyes?

Thirdly, never let the seal of secrecy regarding this Order be absent from your recollection, and beware you betray it not by a casual or unthinking word.

Fourthly, study well that Great Arcanum, the true equilibrium of Severity and Mercy, for either, unbalanced, is not good. Unbalanced Severity is cruelty and oppression; unbalanced Mercy is but weakness and would permit error to exist unchecked, thus making itself, as it were, the accomplice of evil.

Lastly, be not daunted by the difficulties of the occult path, and remember the power of perseverance. *(Sits.)*

EA: Let the Neophyte be conducted to the East.

H-r: *Leads Neophyte, with the Sun, to the foot of EA's throne, facing EA*

## EA'S FINAL INSTRUCTION

EA: Before you may pass on to the next highest Grade of this Order, you must commit to memory rudiments of Occult Knowledge and have passed with satisfaction to your Chiefs the examination for this Neophyte Grade.

The books of ritual, the Knowledge Lecture, and the Explanatory Lectures will be given to you by the C-s when you sign your name to the roster of this Lodge.

You are expected to make the required proficiency within six months following this, your initiation. Attendance at our meetings is also expected unless unavoidable circumstances prevent your coming, in which case you should notify the C-s in advance.

A thorough study of the rituals and of the lectures is recommended. Thus, you will properly lay the foundation of knowledge and training on which all your subsequent building is raised.

H-r: *Faces Neophyte to the West.*

EA: Fratres et Sorores of the (*name of organization*)\_\_\_\_\_, salute our newly admitted (Frater/Soror) with the signs and welcome (him/her) into our company.

All: *Rise, following the lead of the EA, give both signs and say together:*

All: Hail awakened one! May light be extended upon you.

EA: Conduct the Neophyte to (his/her) place.

All: *All remain standing.*

H-r: *Conducts Neophyte to the seat in the northeast, nearest the station of P-r, taking him/her around the Temple in the course of the Sun.*

*New Neophyte sits.*

*Then, EA sits.*

*All sit but H-r.*

## ASPIRATION NAME

EA: (Frater/Soror) H-r, present to the Neophyte the tray of Aspiration names for selection.

H-r: *Rises, salutes, and proceeds to carry out the instruction by walking directly to the Neophyte sitting in the 0 = 0 section of the Temple and presents the tray with several plain envelopes, each containing a single name of aspiration. The Neophyte will select one envelope at random and give it to the H-r without opening it. If more than one member selects a motto, the H-r correctly identifies the selected envelope(s) given to him/her to avoid confusing the selection. H-r remains before the Neophyte for further instruction from the EA*

EA: *Upon completion of selection and identification of selected envelopes by the H-r, says:*

EA: Bring the selected name(s) of Aspiration to me.

H-r: *Takes the selected envelope(s) to the EA, walking directly to the throne; gives the selected envelope(s) to the EA; then returns to station, following the course of the Sun.*

EA: (Opens envelope.) Fratres et Sorores, our (Frater/Soror) \_\_\_\_\_, having attained to that station on the Way of Return where it is fitting to formulate the Aspiration of (his/her) Soul, is henceforth to be known and addressed among us as (Frater/Soror) \_\_\_\_\_, which signifies \_\_\_\_\_. May the Lord of the Universe aid and guide (him/her) in (his/her) endeavors to build a Temple of Service on this foundation.

*Repeats this speech and the one that follows, for each Neophyte, if there be more than one.*

All: And may Light be extended upon you.

EA: \*

A-n: \*

A-t: \*

## RECESS

EA: *Declares a recess so that the newly initiated Neophyte(s) can be greeted and instructed on participating in the Mystic Repast.*

EA: \* \* I now declare a suspension of work in this Temple until the Initiates are recalled to their stations and places by the H-r.

## END OF INITIATION CEREMONY